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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please substitute amended claim 10 as follows, and add new claims 11-14:

10. (amended) A coded image reading apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the coded image comprises a plurality of blocks, each of which includes:

an information area containing divided information into which the information is divided;

a marker area including a marker to allow recognition of each of the blocks; and

a block ID area containing block ID information to identify each of the blocks,

the areas are located in accordance with predetermined relative positions of the areas,

the block ID information also functions as the record location information, and

said record location determining means includes a reference table which shows the correspondence between the record location information and the block ID information.

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